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# Headmaster's Foreword

It is a pleasure for me to write a Foreword to this, the first edition of **THE EAGLE**, which has risen phoenix-like from the ashes of **THE BLACK AND GOLD** and **THE RAVEN**, a fitting symbol of the development of the school.

The newborn school is now a healthy baby. It will still have to meet with many difficulties, but it comes of healthy parents, and I have no doubt of its power to survive and to flourish. It is quite true that, because of the economic situation, the independent school is facing a difficult future. But because of the world political and social situation I think it is fair to say that at no time has there been a greater need for sound learning and the development of good character based firmly on principles of individual freedom, initiative, and responsibility. St. John's Ravenscourt School is a place where boys can learn to live these principles and to value them:

In our halls is hung  
Armoury of the invincible Knights of old;  
We must be free or die, who speak the tongue  
That Shakespeare spake; the faith and morals hold  
Which Milton held.

The eagle is a traditional symbol of freedom: not a weak and passive freedom, but a soaring, active, and powerful freedom. The eagle of St. John is the symbol of the highest inspiration and conveys the idea of spiritual mission. As this publication sets forth on its first flight, and as the new school continues on its course, so, I trust, will the qualities symbolized by the eagle become soaring realities in our lives.

—J. O. Turner,  
Headmaster.





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We, the staff of THE EAGLE, take this opportunity to thank our subscribers and advertisers for their generosity. Without their co-operation this annual would not have been possible. Also, we are deeply indebted to various individuals too numerous to mention here for their aid in preparing the material. We further trust the errors and omissions are not too outstanding. May you enjoy looking through the pages of this yearbook.



# EDITORIAL



The first year of the amalgamated school has been successful in many ways. The following pages contain the record of such events as the Cadet Inspection, the Gym display and house competitions in all fields. The social life of the school was highlighted by the Father and Son banquet and the visit of St. Paul Academy. The boarders had their own special programme of activities. However, there is one thing which will not be recorded anywhere as a separate event, but which is most important to us. This is the daily association with the masters and with one another. The masters who used to fill us with awe when we were little have become good friends in our graduating year. It is through our daily contact with them and with the other boys that we learn an attitude to life which is, after all, the real purpose of the school.

One important feature of a good attitude to life is learning to be self-reliant. When we enter school we are almost wholly dependent on our teacher and do little on our own initiative. By our final year we have learned to be self-dependent and confident. The independence is gradually instilled in us by giving us more and more to do with little guidance or exact precedent.

Another purpose of school life is to prepare us for a job. This is the most obvious and probably the least important objective, for it is felt that if a boy is healthy and has a good outlook on life he will succeed at whatever he chooses as his work. A more important purpose of school life is to make a sportsman out of the boy. By sportsman we mean a good sport rather than one who is good in sports. A good deal of emphasis is placed on sportsmanship at St. John's-Ravenscourt; boys are told that the important thing is not just to win, but to play as well as possible, to be good losers, and what is harder still, good winners.

Perhaps the most important part of a good attitude to life is the ability to get along well with other people. This does not mean being well liked or having a lot of personality. The man who gets along well with others must be tolerant, considerate and friendly. In a school where the boys come from all parts of Canada and live together in close contact there is a good opportunity to learn co-operation and understanding.

These are some of the things which we the graduates feel we have learned from our school life. It is going to be hard for us to realize that this June will not be the same as other Junes, when we knew that September would bring us all together again in the same familiar places. This year school closing for us means school leaving. No one knows how far apart another year will find us. However, neither time nor distance will break the bond formed during these years spent together.

To those boys who are climbing the ladder which we have now topped, and to the masters who teach them, we would offer our best wishes for the future.

COLIN LAING.



# HISTORICAL SKETCH

St. John's-Ravenscourt School is the second oldest school of its type in Canada, the oldest school of its type in Western Canada. The roots of St. John's-Ravenscourt are to be found in the very first efforts to provide sound education at Red River Colony. The Hudson's Bay Company was not long in making provision for the education of the children of factors and servants in Rupertsland. As early as 1808 three teachers were sent to provide at least the rudiments of learning. Lord Selkirk personally appointed Mr. K. McRae to the position of educational supervisor in 1813. That the earl's agents shared his interest in education is demonstrated in the formation of a school for the children on board the ship which brought the fourth party of Scotch settlers to Red River. All these early efforts, though not of permanent duration, were based on the British Public School system and the leading school in the community was to grow from these small beginnings.

On November 1, 1820, the first formal school for English-speaking children at Red River was opened. Rev. John West, who came to the Forks at the invitation of the Hudson's Bay Company, and with the support of the Church Missionary Society, was responsible for organizing the co-educational school. The Church Missionary Society had sent West to the Forks following representations by John Pritchard, a devoted member of the Anglican Church and for many years an approved teacher at Red River. A certain gentleman named George Halbridge taught some twenty children in a log cabin situated three miles below Fort Douglas. Provision was made in a residence for pupils from a distance. West had brought two Indian boys from York Factory as students for his prospective school on his way down to Red River. One of these was Henry Budd, "the first Indian convert and clergyman in Rupert's Land", who in 1840 opened a mission among the Crees around Le Pas.

In 1821 a large tract of land was purchased two miles north of the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers and an attempt was made to erect school buildings before winter set in. During the winter, classes had to be conducted in buildings belonging to the North West Company. In 1822 the Upper Church site came into use and the school became an agricultural and domestic science school in a small way.

The following year Rev. John West returned to England and the school was directed by the Rev. T. D. Jones for two years. It was Rev. T. D. Jones who founded the second English parish at Red River, St. Paul's or Middlechurch as it was later called. Rev. W. Cochran replaced Jones as "minister, clerk, schoolmaster, peacemaker and agricultural director", for a period of one year. When Jones returned Cochran moved down the river to St. Andrew's where he established the Lower Church and a second school in 1827. Two other schools were opened, one down the river from St. Andrew's and the other on the east bank of the Red River opposite the present site of the Kildonan Church. With these three tributary schools the parent establishment grew in importance.

By 1833 the parent school had assumed the name Red River Academy and under the guidance of Rev. John McCallum, a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, played a dominant role in the education of Red River youth. Red River Academy not only prospered and held a large place in community life, but it provided training of a more advanced type. When Dr. Mountain, Bishop of Montreal, visited the colony in 1844 he could report 485 students in the church schools.



In the fall of 1849, the Right Rev. David Anderson, first Bishop of Rupert's Land, arrived at the settlement and took charge of the school when MacCallum died. He placed the school under the care of Thomas Cochran and George Pridham, and himself took a share in the teaching. In 1855 Bishop Anderson instituted a new plan for its management and nominated a Collegiate Board giving it the name "St. John's College". Unfortunately, the demands on the Bishop by his extensive Diocese prevented this scheme from coming to fruition and he reluctantly consented to the closing of the school.

Nevertheless, this school could not die! A tributary school had been founded a few years before in the parish of St. Paul. The St. Paul school was conducted by Rev. S. Pritchard, a son of Mr. John Pritchard. St. John's College found lineal succession in this school until 1865. Bishop Anderson's successor, the Right Rev. Robert Machray, shortly after reaching his new diocese, determined that the school was the key to the future of the settlement. Therefore, he brought out Rev. John McLean, an old college friend from England, to revive St. John's. On November 1, 1866 a new school was opened and Mr. Pritchard's school was amalgamated with it, the new institution being called St. John's College School. Three students registered in the college and nineteen in the high school. The teachers were Bishop Machray himself, Archdeacon McLean and Mr. Pritchard. This was the first amalgamation.

The school had not only survived the period of uncertainty and hardships of a frontier community under Company rule, it had also been as Bishop Machray said, "a backbone to our whole system". It provided the only sound spiritual, moral and practical teaching to the English-speaking youth of Red River before 1851. Indeed, all the English-language schools of Red River before 1870 were organized along the lines of the British Public Schools.

From 1866 to 1950 St. John's College School showed signs of continuous progress. Re-organized on the lines of Westminster School, the School largely owed its spirit and its success to the inspiration and fostering care of Archbishop Machray. In this school Winnipeg possessed a foundation much older than the commercial developments made possible first by wheat of the prairies and later by successful development of mining and petroleum engineering. By 1885 quarters on the banks of the Red River were outgrown and a new building was erected on Main Street near St. John's Cathedral. This building stood until the second amalgamation in 1950.

Ravenscourt School for Boys was founded in September, 1929, by the late Captain Norman A. T. Young, a graduate of Oxford and a pioneer of the University of Achimota in the Gold Coast, and a group of public-spirited citizens to provide Winnipeg with a non-denominational school founded on the best traditions of scholarship. Ravenscourt soon acquired its founder's wider outlook, a horizon stretching beyond the prairies and even beyond the North American continent. Starting with less than thirty boys in the old Bannatyne castle in the Armstrong's Point district of Winnipeg, the school quickly grew to over seventy boys. This number proved to be too large for existing facilities, and the school was handicapped by the lack of proper games fields.

So in 1934 Ravenscourt was moved to the Thompson estate on South Drive in suburban Fort Garry. At the same time the school was incorporated as a non-profit institution under the direction of a Board of Governors. The new site consisted of twenty acres of well-treed land on



a beautiful bend of the Red River, five miles south of downtown Winnipeg. Here the school developed into a Boys' Boarding and Country Day School of about 120 boys, of whom roughly one-third were boarders.

In 1937 a building program was initiated. Due to the initiative of the late Mr. James A. Richardson and others, the school was presented with its first new building—a gymnasium building which compared favourably with that of any school in Canada. Besides an ultra-modern gymnasium the building had locker, shower and drying rooms, two classrooms, a Craft Shop, a complete dormitory wing and a Housemaster's suite.

In 1950 long-standing negotiations for the amalgamation of St. John's College School and Ravenscourt School for Boys were completed. The new school, St. John's-Ravenscourt School, chose the Fort Garry site of the former Ravenscourt School as its permanent location. Accordingly, the flood-damaged Administration Building and the Richardson Memorial Building were repaired and became the initial units of a new building program.

Amalgamation came as the recognition that the two schools were one in spirit, aim and tradition. Amalgamation was the answer also to the peculiar position of a private school endeavouring to maintain the English tradition of sound learning in the Mid-West. The position of St. John's College School and Ravenscourt School was rendered more difficult by economic distress, the Western desire not to be different from the neighbors and the competition of excellent public schools.

To-day we are better equipped to provide the right type of development situation for mind, body and character. The carefully directed community life, smaller classes, individuality, independence of spirit, flexibility, cosmopolitan enrolment and reverence of time-honored and time-tested traditions of a school such as our own are, indeed, invaluable considerations. Also, the active interest of those who contribute to the independent school support is a beneficent conservative influence in a world rapidly becoming hysterical. Furthermore, we represent not an undemocratic tradition, but rather an individualistic tradition where greater responsibility rests on Board of Governors, staff and prefects. We can defy political, religious and racial discrimination. On the other hand, we can give moral and ethical questions proper emphasis without touching on religious differences. These advantages we must cherish along with an appreciation of our historical development. The future is ours!

C. J. J.

## ST. JOHN'S-RAVENSCOURT GUILD

On September 19, 1950, a joint meeting of the Executives of The Ravenscourt Ladies' Guild and The St. John's College School Ladies' Guild was held in order to bring about the amalgamation of the two guilds. The past projects of each guild came under discussion and from these there evolved the basic ideas for the present guild.

The officers of the new guild were elected at this meeting of amalgamation. The Standing Committees were enlarged to allow for representation of both former guilds on each committee.

The residue of funds from both the past guilds had been put into bonds. Both the bonds will eventually be used to purchase suitable memorials, the one to Mr. Walter Burman and his associates, the other to Mr. Norman Young, founder of Ravenscourt School.



From the primary discussions a number of changes were agreed upon. The fees for the present guild are one dollar, payable in September for the ensuing year. The new constitution provides that fifty per cent of the Executive shall be mothers of boys present in the school. It also provides for at least five meetings of the Guild per school year, one of which is to be an evening meeting. There is also a new standing committee, The Committee on Education.

The activities of the Guild during this school year have been quite numerous but have been limited by insufficient funds to somewhat small projects.

The Library Committee has again done faithful and yeoman work. Some seventy-five dollars has been used for renewing subscriptions and for some of the material costs relative to building. It should be realized that this committee is doing the actual rebinding of the books itself. A further one hundred dollar bond has been put aside for the library fund.

The Social Committee looked after the "Father and Son" banquet,—and it was a success. Refreshments after the Guild meetings have also been arranged by this committee. Work still to be carried out includes refreshments at Prize Giving and after the Cadet Inspection. The convenor of this committee also looked after many arrangements for some of the care and entertainment of the boys of the St. Paul's Academy Hockey Team when they played at the school this winter.

The House Committee are redecorating the Prefects' and Senior Boys' common rooms. The Guild has been able to apportion a small amount of money for the costs of this project.

The Convenor of the Education Committee arranged for the one evening meeting of this year. The title for the panel discussion was, "What are boys made of?" The Guild are very grateful to the members of the panel,—Mrs. A. W. Dampsy, Mrs. Alfred Savage, Dr. Gordon M. Stephens, and the Headmaster, for the interesting and instructive papers presented.

One of the Guild members designed several crests from which, we believe, one has been selected by the Board of Governors for the new school. Another member has arranged for the school to be the recipient of shrubs from Holland.

The photograph requested from the past Headmaster of Ravenscourt, Mr. P. H. A. Wykes, has been received and framed.

All the above projects have been carried out as well as possible but many have been very limited in their extent due to the available funds during this rather important year. Two factors stand out in being the main causes of this situation. The amalgamation of two guilds whose dues were not only of different amounts but also whose fiscal years varied by some six months. The second factor, which rests partially on the first one, is one of more portent. Instead of a larger number of paid up members this year there are actually fewer. A past project which could still be made use of is that of the cook books. We still hold, on hand, nearly a thousand copies which present a potential profit.

It will be seen from the above that despite some lack of fusion of ideas and different interests, and lack of more adequate funds, the new Guild has been able to carry out, in a limited way, many projects which have been well worth while. It is hoped that we may be able to materially enlarge the scope of our projects in the coming year.

MRS. DUNCAN CROLL, Assistant Secretary.





## HAMBER HOUSE

*Back Row*, Left to right: Kjell Nasselquist, Blair MacAulay, Colin Hayter, Craig Bell, Lloyd Mitchell. *Second row*: Richard Mark, Lionel Carter, Willie Nairn, Roddy McNaughton, David Drybrough, David Sellers, Glen Thompson, Andrew Schaffer, Bruce Cunningham, Clinton Young, Douglas Clark, Dennis Lamb, Jack Marsch, Don Carol, Joe Graham, Charles Walton, Angus MacDougald. *Seated*: Frank Green, Alan de Jardin, Mr. J. F. Waudby, Karl Radymski, Cliff Darke. *Front row*: Ricky Schaller, Garry Read, Lars Andersen, Timothy Eaton, Donald Greenlaw, Ronald Bennett, Tony Shaw, Mac Moore.



# HAMBER HOUSE REPORT



One of the most important requisites for a successful venture is a good beginning. With this in mind Hamber House has made an excellent start in the new school.

We were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Waudby as House Master and we greatly appreciate his efforts and hope that he will remain with us for a long time to come. We were also very pleased to have Lionel Carter chosen from our ranks to become captain of the Lower School.

In both Sports and Studies we came out on top. We won the Senior Soccer, Rugby, Basketball, Baseball, and Hockey Championships; not to mention the Junior Basketball, Hockey, and Rugby Cups, and the Lower School Hockey, Basketball, and Soccer Trophies. We are also proud to report that Hamber House composed the majority of fellows on all Sport and Athletic teams of senior calibre. At the moment we shape up as a very distinct threat for the Track and Field Trophies. Scholastically, we have the largest group of boys writing their Level Three and Grade XI matriculation of any House.

In Cadets, Kjell Nasselquist was appointed as Lieutenant of the First Platoon; Craig Bell was made Sergeant; Bruce Cunningham, Glen Thompson, and Colin Hayter were made Corporals.

For the House Gym Competition we were glad to find in our midst a seasoned athlete in the person of Denny Lamb. Congratulations Denny, on winning the "Best Gymnast" Award. The squad which Denny led came within an exceedingly small margin of winning the Gym Cup.

A good half of this year's "Eagle" staff are members of Hamber. They are Karl Radyski, Blair MacAulay, Don Carol, Frank Green, and Cliff Darke.

So far this school year we have continued to amass the greater amount of Honors and Points and we hope to carry off the respective Shields.

In closing, I would like to thank, on behalf of the House, all the boys that have contributed so much time and effort in making this first year such a memorable one; especially Alan Laing and Frank Green as our chief "Honour-getters"; the Captains of the numerous House Teams that brought us so many laurels; Karl Radyski who has been made a School Prefect and lastly to Andrew Schaffer who showed excellent House spirit in the Gym Competition.

To the Graduates—good luck, and success in your chosen field.

To the Newcomer—we wish you to rise to even greater heights of School Spirit and to instil in yourselves the sportsmanship which has been so prevalent in the past year.

—Alan de Jardin.





## RICHARDSON HOUSE

*Left to right, back row:* David Coubrough, Dennis Williams, Barry Hewitt, Alan Osler, John Woods, George Mitchell, Ed. Parkes. *Second row:* Grant Schroeder, Peter Burrows, Gilbert Cook, Jack Best, Don Lamb, Ed Jacox, Brian Alty, Louis Kennedy. *Third row:* Jimmy Alexander, Steven Owen, Ronald Zettergren, Tommy Mathers, Lawrence Adams, Douglas Lamb, Don Drybrough, Bobby Andrew. *Seated:* Don Davidson, Richard Santo, Mr. C. J. Jaenen, Anthony Ferguson, Angus Macdonald. *Seated front row:* Billy Lount, John Patterson, David McGibbon, Harold Farr, Robert Trueman, Billy Martin. *Missing:* Dwight Brainerd.



# RICHARDSON HOUSE REPORT

The school has just completed its first year of operations. For those who are new to the school things have not been so difficult; for those who attended the old schools there has been constant opportunity to incorporate the best of both former systems. With these changes new houses have come. From St. John's College School a system of awarding points to each house for its ability in sports, academics and other activities about the school has been wholeheartedly adopted.

This year we are all, in one sense, new boys. We have worked together as a group over the past eight months and are now looking ahead into the future with sincere wishes for the continued success of our house. Next fall we will welcome new boys to our ranks both in the Lower School and the Upper School. May they find fellowship with us and together may we build up what we have just begun.

At the beginning of the year we were called "B" House and near the end of the school term were given our name, Richardson House. We are honoured that the Board of Governors chose the name of the late James A. Richardson, benefactor of the school in particular and Canada in general, for our house.

Richardson House has participated in all inter-house sports but have not been as fortunate as other houses because of a lack of seniors. In rugby and hockey we were outclassed but made a better showing in soccer and basketball. The boys played well, showed great sportsmanship and perseverance against great odds. Special mention goes to the Lower School for their determined efforts, to Richard Santo who was high scorer in basketball, to Don Lamb, Ed Jacox, Angus Macdonald, John Woods and Don Davidson for their skill in all games.

This year an inter-house shooting competition was held. Each team consisted of four men who could make a possible score of 200 points. Santo was the mainstay of our team with a score of 194 points and we won the trophy.

In the inter-house gymnastic competition we made our best showing of the year. We came within two points of winning the cup, thanks to the co-operation of every house member.

I was happy to receive my House Colours at Easter and was doubly proud that Richardson House again was in the lead.

In conclusion, I wish to thank David Coubrough for his conscientious performance of duties as Lower School Prefect. Much thanks is due Mr. Jaenen, our genial and helpful Housemaster, for his interest and his advice. To all the boys, good luck and future laurels to Richardson House for years to come. We can be proud of the gold R on the green shield . . . it is now a sign of distinction.

A. G. S. FERGUSON.





## YOUNG HOUSE

*Left to right, rear:* John Richardson, Bruce Wilson, Jim Calder, Len Parkes, Fraser Stewart, Desmond Morton. *Second row:* George Marsh, Douglas Bruce, Jack Lamb, Jim Hare, Colin Laing, Duncan Croll, Dave Bailey, Ernest McClain. *Third row:* Teddy Allan, Scott Misener, Philip Bleeks, Chipman Cousens, George McLeod, Peter Longpre, Winthrop Brainerd. *Seated:* Ian Doig, Bill Mollard, Mr. C. L. Connell, Jim Martin, Garry Savage. *Front row:* David Kilgour, Robert Glass, Jerry Dawson, Peter Eby, Richard Patterson, Richard Farrally, Stewart McIntyre.



# YOUNG HOUSE REPORT

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This year our House was given the name of Young House after the founder of the old Ravenscourt School. We were extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of the Senior Master, Mr. Connell, as Housemaster. Academically and otherwise the house has had a good year. With the formation of a new group there is always a great deal of work from the organizational point of view, and I should like to thank Prefects Garry Savage and Bill Mollard, for their invaluable assistance in this undertaking. We have been gratifyingly satisfied with the degree of unity that has sprung up in the house among the boys, many of whom were total strangers to each other a few months ago. There has been wholehearted support from all members of the House in all programs.

Academically we started the year by capturing the first half holiday for Honours and Stripes. As usual there was a house punishment for stripes, and the form penance was to take was put to a ballot by the house members at the beginning of the year.

In athletics we emerged triumphantly with the trophy for the gymnastics competition, which was to be expected as six of our boys were chosen for the special squad at the gym display. We lost by a narrow margin in inter-house rugby.

There were no real new boys to Young House this year because we were all new boys in a new house, and we hope that some of our undertakings will carry on as the pioneering traditions of Young House.

In Cadets, two out of three of the commissioned officers are from our house. The Captain of the Cadets is Bill Mollard, a house member and also the School Captain.

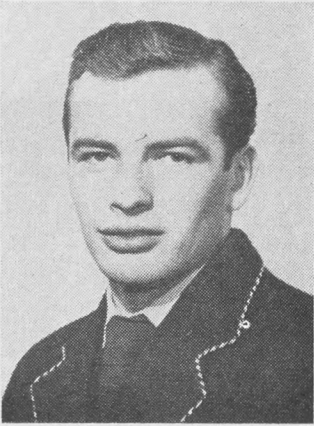
We have not yet been fortunate enough to obtain a House ensign but are confident that one will soon be forthcoming.

In closing I should again like to thank our Housemaster and the Prefects for their help and advice, and to the boys: all the luck and happiness in the world and a wish for your future success, this with all the sincerity in my heart. Thank you again for a wonderful year together.

J. L. MARTIN.

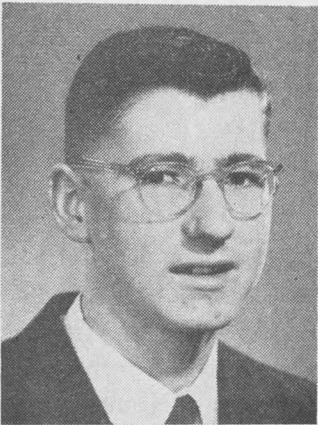


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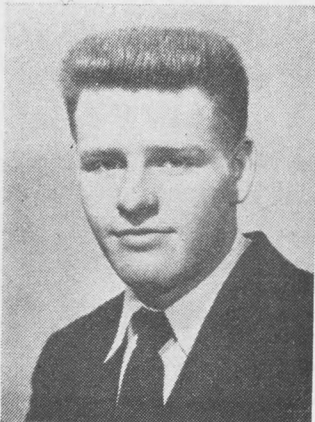
## **BILL MOLLARD**

Bill is our School Captain and also the Company Commander of the School Cadet Corps. His pet peeve is being on time for study halls and yet he seems to be able to get to the telephone on time. Definitely not the indoor type, Bill participates in all sports. His future plans are unknown.



## **ALAN DE JARDIN**

Alan has many a radical theory and many a blackout, so say the staff, but he is still the lad who dashes about with an "inspiration". He conscientiously attends to his duties as Captain of Hamber House. Future days may see Alan attending St. John's College.



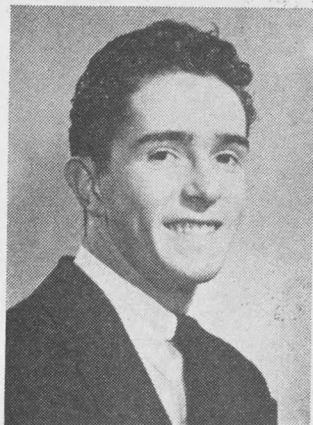
## **ANTHONY FERGUSON**

"Fergy", as he is known by both boys and staff, hails from Saskatoon and demonstrates the true Western spirit in the dispensing of duties as Richardson House Captain, Eaton's Junior Executive, and chief organizer of "labour gangs" about the school. Although he finds it difficult to keep his eye on his homework he never loses sight of a hockey puck. He is the first boy to win House Colours at the new school.



## JIM MARTIN

Jim is known for his good sense of humour and, of course, his convertible. He is Young House Captain. An ardent hot rod fan, he can often be heard arguing the merits of certain cars with his friend Savage. His future will very probably be related to that of the Martin Paper Company. Meanwhile, Jim is interested in literature and military science.



## DON CAROL

Don comes from Harrisburg, U.S.A.,  
So we sometimes hear him say.  
At work just fair, but eats his way  
Through loads of food throughout the  
day.

Don is a goodwill ambassador in our  
midst and we wish him the best in the  
future.

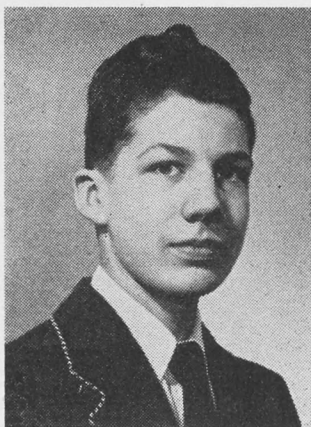


## FRANK GREEN

Frank comes from Snow Lake, Manitoba, and is one of the quieter members of the Fifth Form. He is, however, one of the keenest sportsmen of the school and participates in all games with success. He can also be found engaged in frequent scraps with Angus in the corner of the classroom.

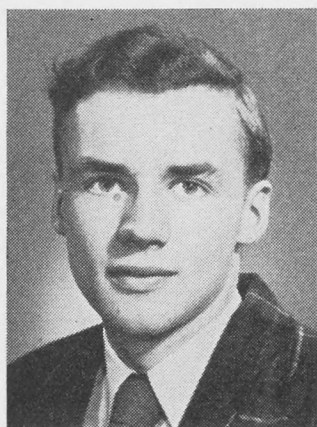






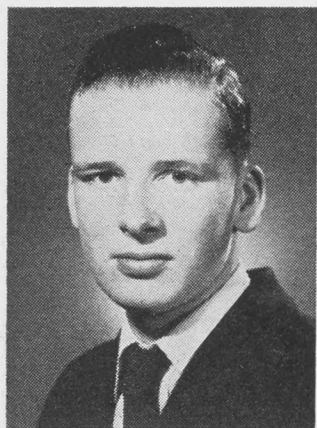
### COLIN LAING

In the person of "Dougy" we have the year-book editor and the chief arguer in French periods. He is known as a "brain" in the classroom and uses up a great deal of energy attempting to live down such an appellation. He will probably attend the University of Manitoba after graduation.



### BLAIR MACAULAY

Blair often finds himself the source of merriment of the Fifth Form. He dislikes work and any form of organization for work; nevertheless, he does spend a great deal of time "hopping up" his out-board motor. Blair will probably attend the University of Manitoba and may follow his father's steps into the legal profession.



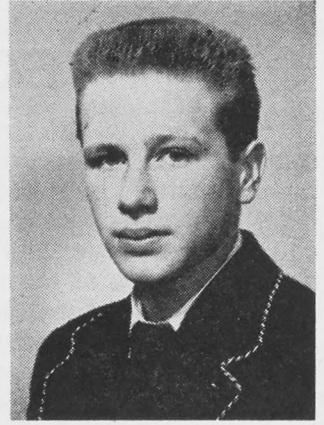
### ANGUS MACDONALD

Angus seems to be quite lazy,  
His knowledge of Physics rather hazy;  
But lo and behold! when the tests are  
over,  
He's the boy who's sitting in the clover.  
Angus is known for his neat work and  
his surreptitious glances.



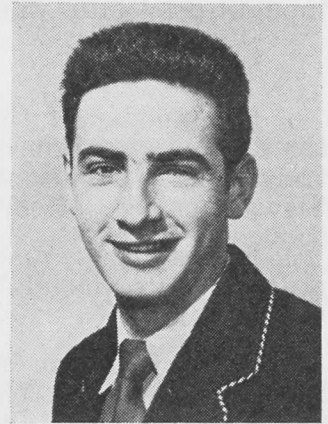
## KARL RADYMSKI

Karl, of "no fixed abode" but temporarily from Vancouver, may be the smallest Prefect in the Upper School but he is the first to quote the saying, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow". A star player on the hockey team, he was responsible for many goals. His probable destiny is stick boy for the Monarchs.



## RICHARD SANTO

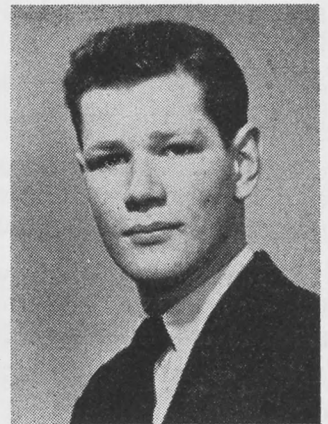
"Pedro" comes from a farm near Kipling and is the "tall, dark and handsome" of the Form, noted for his drapes and commanding voice in Cadets. At once popular and reserved, he is a good marksman and avid reader. He will probably return next year, although he does speak of a career with the R.C.M.P.



## GARRY SAVAGE

Where there is too much noise there you will find Garry. He is the good-natured "character" of the year's Fifth Form.

Here is a Prefect who is fair  
At doing Lit, and at French he is rare,  
But Chem and Maths are not his bent.  
Finally now he's on the scent.





# SCHOOL EVENTS

The end of the first year as an amalgamated school finds us a healthy and progressive school, a happy and optimistic group of boys. There has been but little amalgamation friction, certainly not as much as might have been expected, and we now have an excellent morale. St. John's-Ravenscourt, we believe, is fated to success and prosperity. We hope we have done a fair job of laying a foundation of the best principles of both former schools. The fond memories of the twin-towered school on North Main and the fond memories of the flood-battered bastion on South Drive will not perish; these memories are now interwoven into a new pattern of virtuous instruction and example.

As this goes to press we have not only an amalgamated school but also a new Guild organization and a completely new Old Boys' Association. As in the case of the school itself, these groups are succeeding remarkably well during their first year.

We know that the answer to this situation is contained in those thought-provoking words, "There is one Spirit".

## STAFF

Headmaster of the amalgamated school and former Headmaster of the Ravenscourt School for Boys is Mr. J. Ogden Turner, a graduate of the University of Manitoba and member of the University instructional staff between periods of service at Ravenscourt.

Senior Master and Young Housemaster is Mr. C. L. Connell, a graduate of the Provincial Normal School with considerable experience in provincial Senior High Schools and the Manitoba Technical Institute.

Senior Resident Master and former Headmaster of St. John's College School is Mr. J. F. Waudby. Mr. Waudby brings with him a wealth of experience in education gleaned in England, Argentina and Canada.

Richardson Housemaster is Mr. C. J. Jaenen, a graduate of Manitoba and Bordeaux universities, who came to the former Ravenscourt School from a high school in British Columbia.

Physical Training Instructor and Games Master is Mr. S. J. Chapman, a graduate of St. Luke's College, Exeter, England, who was also with Ravenscourt School before amalgamation.

Junior Resident Master in charge of the Lower School is Mr. E. H. M. Burn. He is a graduate of Goldsmith's College, University of London.

Mrs. Jean Perreault is Lower School Mistress. Mrs. Perreault has had considerable experience and success in primary grade work in the provincial public schools.

Mrs. Viola B. Towson, an S.R.N. and holder of Children's Nursing Certificate, accompanied by her son Dickie, came to us from England to assume the duties of Matron.

Miss J. Brown, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mr. D. Morton and Mrs. S. B. Laing complete the academic staff rendering invaluable service.



Mr. C. I. Bonsor is in charge of the Crafts department, as he was at St. John's College School.

Bursar is Mr. A. I. Stewart. Mr. Stewart was with Ravenscourt School before amalgamation.

Chief School Medical Officer is Dr. O. J. Day of the Winnipeg Clinic. Dr. G. Stevens of the Winnipeg Child Guidance Clinic is consultant psychiatrist.

Mr. F. M. Fenton replaced Mr. Charles MacMillan as Resident Law Student with boarding duties when the latter was married in December.

Groundsman is Mr. Henry Mansell, better known to the boys as the operator of the Tuck Shop. Night watchman is Mr. T. Fraser.

Last, but not least in a boarding school, we have Mrs. Klepey and the domestic staff.

We mention all these at this point because we feel that to them goes much of the credit for making our year together a successful, adventurous and happy one.

### HONOUR-POINT SYSTEM

An Honour-Point system has been inaugurated to replace the point system at St. John's and the honour system at Ravenscourt. Honours are given for conduct and work above normal expectancy and stripes are given for conduct and work below normal expectancy. Honours are added up each week and the stripes are subtracted. The net total is then tabulated on a blackboard in the Dining Hall indicating the House standings in the Inter-House Competition.

Twice each term the House leading in the competition receives a half-holiday. Any individual who collects four stripes is due for two hours of work at the school on a Saturday morning. To this disciplinary measure there also is a House discipline, the form of which is decided at the beginning of the year by open voting. Prefects in each House are responsible for House discipline and all infractions of rules by individuals reflect on the House as well as on the individual.

House Points are awarded on the basis of ability and participation in extra-curricular activities and curricular sports. An accumulation of fifty Honours entitles a boy to a House point. During the past year a compromise system was used in the matter of fixing the number of points required for House Colours, the highest award for an individual in the House. In Form Five and Six 20 points are required for colours; 30 points in Form Four and 50 points in Forms One, Two and Three. In time the entire group will require 50 points for colours.

Individual points are awarded academically on examination results. They are awarded for proficiency in regular school sports and for Executive ability and responsibility including Prefectship and school yearbook publication. House points are also awarded in inter-House game playoffs. The Inter-House Shield is awarded, then, to the House obtaining the greatest number of points, both individual points and House points.



This system has the merit of rewarding the individual for good behaviour and school spirit. It also has the merit of rewarding House spirit and providing added incentive for school sports. Furthermore, the individual learns to develop not only independence but also team spirit. Co-operation and good sportsmanship are the results of this system. We believe it not only combines the best features of both former systems, but we also believe it has improved on the former systems. For that reason we hope succeeding classes will continue to employ this system.

### ST. PAUL VISIT

An annual event at Ravenscourt School was the "St. Paul Academy hockey game". This was played in alternate years at St. Paul, Minnesota, or in Winnipeg. This year, of course, the St. Paul Academy team visited St. John's-Ravenscourt.

The hockey game was the main feature of the visit but mention must be made of the social aspects, which did a great deal to further good neighbourliness. The hockey game is played between the senior teams of both schools and this year S.P.A. took the cup only after a closely contested game. The score was 2-1, an indication of the close contest that went into overtime.

Met at the station by Mr. Turner and a reception committee of boarders and day boys, the majority of the team was taken to C.J.O.B. studios for a broadcast interview of the Captains, then feted downtown before being brought to the school. Two Masters accompanied the S.P.A. team.

Following the game, which began as scheduled on a Saturday afternoon, at 2 p.m., the boys took over the social direction of the American visitors. A wonderful time was had by all—judging from conversation, general excitement and that tired feeling on Monday morning! A boisterous send-off with firecrackers, noisemakers and the like ended the goodwill visit (we believe with few misgivings on the part of Union Station officials).

We hope the S.P.A. boys enjoyed their stay in Winnipeg as much as we enjoyed having them. St. Paul Visit is a red-letter week-end on our calendar for next year.

### LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Following talks between Mr. Jaenen and Mr. Turner and Mrs. Laing it was decided to organize a French Club along the lines of the University language clubs. Membership was restricted to those who showed a special interest and a certain proficiency in spoken French. Mrs. Laing and Mr. Jaenen have directed the course of activities throughout the year and there now is a basic group from which to plan expansion.

Colin Laing was elected President and Garry Savage was elected Secretary. Members invited to join were Colin Laing, Garry Savage, Blair MacAulay, John Woods, David Drybrough, Don Drybrough, Bob Stewart, Alan Osler, John Richardson and Desmond Morton.

Meetings are held twice a month, on Sunday evenings, at the homes of members. Programmes include singing, games, special discussions and refreshments! Special visitors this year included the Count Serge de Fleury, French Consul at Winnipeg.



## VISITORS

Each year there are many notable visitors at a school such as ours. This past year we received several visits from the Board of Governors and from the Ladies' Guild. Mr. Mowat came to us on behalf of the United Nations Organization and gave a very instructive talk on the work and problems of the U.N.O. In May we received a half-day holiday in honor of a visit from Captain Brock, an Old Boy of St. John's, who had just returned from service in the Korean conflict.

## FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Just before the Christmas vacations the school gymnasium was the scene of a memorable event in the life of the new school. The occasion was the Father and Son Banquet. At the head table sat members of the Board of Governors, distinguished visitors and members of the Senior classes. Chief speaker of the evening was Rev. D. Boone, Archivist of the Diocese of Rupertsland. A very timely account of the traditions of the old Red River Academy and the original St. John's College School was given. The Ladies' Guild was in charge of catering.

## BOARDERS' PARTIES

There has been only one large Boarders' Party this year. It was held early in the year and was a great success. Invitations were sent out to Balmoral Hall School for Girls. The Headmistress of Balmoral Hall accompanied her girls. We hope there will be more such parties next year.

## FILMS

During the winter months regular Hollywood films were screened at school on Friday evenings. Short films were also rented from the National Film Board. Both students and staff enjoyed these films and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Connell for his efforts in organizing and carrying through this venture. Ferguson and Darke deserve special mention for their co-operation in operating the projector and setting up the auditorium for the weekly showings.

## CONCERTS

Boarders have been fortunate in being able to attend the regular Winnipeg Celebrity Concerts at the Civic Auditorium. This has been made possible by the purchase of season tickets by the school.

Mr. Jaenen and Mr. Chapman further arranged to have the boys attend the Minneapolis Symphony Student Concert. This was greatly enjoyed by the boys.

Senior boys have attended most of the presentations of the Winnipeg Little Theatre by courtesy of Mr. Turner.

## CHARITIES

This year special house campaigns were held to raise funds for the provincial appeals of the Red Cross and the Community Chest "Red Feather" Drive. Results were excellent with contributions showing an increase over similar campaigns in past years.



## CADETS

One of the terms of amalgamation was that the Cadet Corps should become an integral part of the new school. In compliance with these wishes the Department of National Defence officially recognized the formation of the St. John's-Ravenscourt Cadet Corps as affiliated with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Under the instruction of Sgt. Bernie and Sgt. Castelaigie the Corps has progressed favourably.

Cadet training consists of fundamental drill, small arms training, signalling, map-reading, first aid and field crafts. There is ample scope for development of special fields of interest. During the summer months further trades-training is offered at Shilo, Dundurn or Vernon. The chief courses of interest to cadets at these camps are Driver Mechanics, Driver Signals and Operator's Fire Control (Radar). In all Cadet camps the R.C.A.C. assumes the travel expenses and housing costs. In addition Cadets receive a remuneration of sixty dollars upon completion of a course.

The Department of National Defence has furnished our Cadet Corps with softball equipment, javelins, gym equipment and horseshoes. Interest is, of course, keen.

The following promotions have been announced to date:

Bill Mollard .....	A/C Captain	Ian Doig .....	Sergeant
Kjell Nasselquist ....	A/C Lieutenant	Bruce Cunningham .....	Corporal
Jim Martin .....	A/C Lieutenant	Garry Savage .....	Corporal
R. Santo .....	A/C Sgt. Major	G. Thompson .....	Corporal
A. Ferguson .....	A/C Staff Sgt.	Colin Hayter .....	Corporal
A. Bell .....	Sergeant	Jim Calder .....	Corporal

## MUSIC APPRECIATION

The Upper Forms have enjoyed a period each week throughout the year listening to classical recordings. These periods have been conducted by Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner has given brief introductions and explanations from time to time to explain the works of the great composers to the boys.

## JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

After much planning and moving of furniture, our good friend "Henry" converted the room off the Chapel into a separate Junior Common Room with an entrance into the main downstairs hallway. The Ladies' Guild did an excellent job of painting and furniture restoring. The Prefects' Common Room also received a thorough interior decorating job at the hands of the Guild.

## INSPECTORAL VISITS

Good reports were received from Chief Inspector Rogers and Inspector Connolly after a two-day visit at the school. The visit was made at the request of the Headmaster. During those two days both boys and staff sensed that the Inspectors were enjoying their visit and appreciated the advantages of community life and spirit at St. John's-Ravenscourt.





Mr. J. Ogden Turner .....	Headmaster
Bill Mollard .....	School Captain
Alan de Jardin .....	Hamber House Captain
Anthony Ferguson .....	Richardson House Captain
Jim Martin .....	Young House Captain
Garry Savage .....	Prefect
Karl Radymski .....	Prefect



## T. B. SURVEY

Annually there is a great buzzing through the corridors as the boys are filed to the gymnasium to receive the provincial T.B. tests. Even Masters and domestic staff are subjected to this perfectly painless test.

## CHURCH PARADES

Each morning a short chapel service is held at the school. This service is conducted by the Headmaster, except on Thursdays when the Prefects take the service. Every Sunday morning the boys attend the church of their choice; the majority of the Boarders worship at Fort Garry United Church or at St. Paul's Anglican Church. The boys are accompanied by a resident Master.

## ART CLASSES

At the beginning of the Easter term Art classes in the First, Second and Third Forms Upper were begun under the direction of Mr. Morton. Interest has been keen and a Saturday morning Sketch Club has been formed. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Morton for the drawing of the school crest and the EAGLE cover cut.

## LIBRARY

Many new books have been added to the library of the amalgamated school. These have been either donations or purchases through the Ladies' Guild Library Committee. Membership is held in the Dollar Book Club and the Literary Guild. Subscriptions to fifteen new magazines have been entered for the school year 1950-51.

Special mention of the fine work of book-binding done by the Ladies' Guild is in order. Not only have library books been bound, shellaced and lettered, but the entire music collection has been restored.

## CRAFTS

Fifty-five boys were enrolled in Crafts, 150 projects were completed in one year. Form Four in particular did an excellent lot of work. We are grateful to the Ladies' Guild who have again made the following prizes available:

Form IV: Dennis Lamb; Don Lamb; Craig Bell.  
Form III: D. Williams; D. Bruce; G. Thompson.  
Form II: G. Mitchell; D. Sellers; C. Walton.  
Form I: L. Adams; G. Schroeder; Doug Lamb.  
Lower VI: W. Nairn; L. Carter; S. Misener.

## END-OF-TERM EVENTS

In order that the school annual be available to the graduates and parents on Prize Giving Day each year it is necessary to leave the end-of-term events unreported. Realizing the importance of these events in an attempt to give a picture of the events of a normal school year we will have to be satisfied with a mere calendar of these events:

Track and Field Meet .....	May 23
Cadet Inspection .....	June 1
Military Ball .....	June 1
Athletic Banquet .....	June 8
Graduates' Banquet .....	June 14
Prize-Giving .....	June 15



# LOWER SCHOOL REVIEW

In the first year of St. John's-Ravenscourt the Lower School has comprised the following staff and boys:

Mr. E. H. M. Burn.

Mrs. J. M. Perrault.

Lower School Captain ..... Lionel Carter

Lower School Prefects ..... Winthrop Brainerd  
David Coubrough  
Willie Nairn

## Young House

Bing Allan  
Winthrop Brainerd  
Chipman Cousens  
Jerry Dawson  
Peter Eby  
Richard Farrally  
Robert Glass  
David Kilgour  
George Marsh  
Stewart McIntyre  
George McLeod  
Scott Misener  
Richard Paterson

## Hamber House

Lars Andersen  
Ronald Bennett  
Lionel Carter  
Timothy Eaton  
Joe Graham  
Donald Greenlaw  
Michael Harris  
Angus MacDougald  
Richard Mark  
Roddy McNaughton  
Mac. Moore  
Willie Nairn  
Gary Read  
Ricky Schaller  
Tony Shaw

## Richardson House

Jimmie Alexander  
Bobby Andrew  
Dwight Brainerd  
David Coubrough  
Harold Farr  
Louis Kennedy  
Billy Lount  
Billy Martin  
David McGibbon  
Steven Owen  
John Paterson  
Barry Partridge  
Robert Trueman

At the start of this school year we encountered some difficulties resulting from the flood, but fortunately they did not interrupt our work and games too badly. We look forward to having the brickwork and floor covering completed by next term to put our rooms into even better condition.

The year has been a full one and we can do no more than summarise the events which were more outstanding. The matter of work and study we will leave in the background.

**Concerts and Visits**—The Lower School attended the Auditorium for two concerts, the "Puppet Show" and the Children's Concert given by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Perrault also took her boys to the Canada Bread plant and to the Parliament Buildings, where they were able to see and hear the members in session.

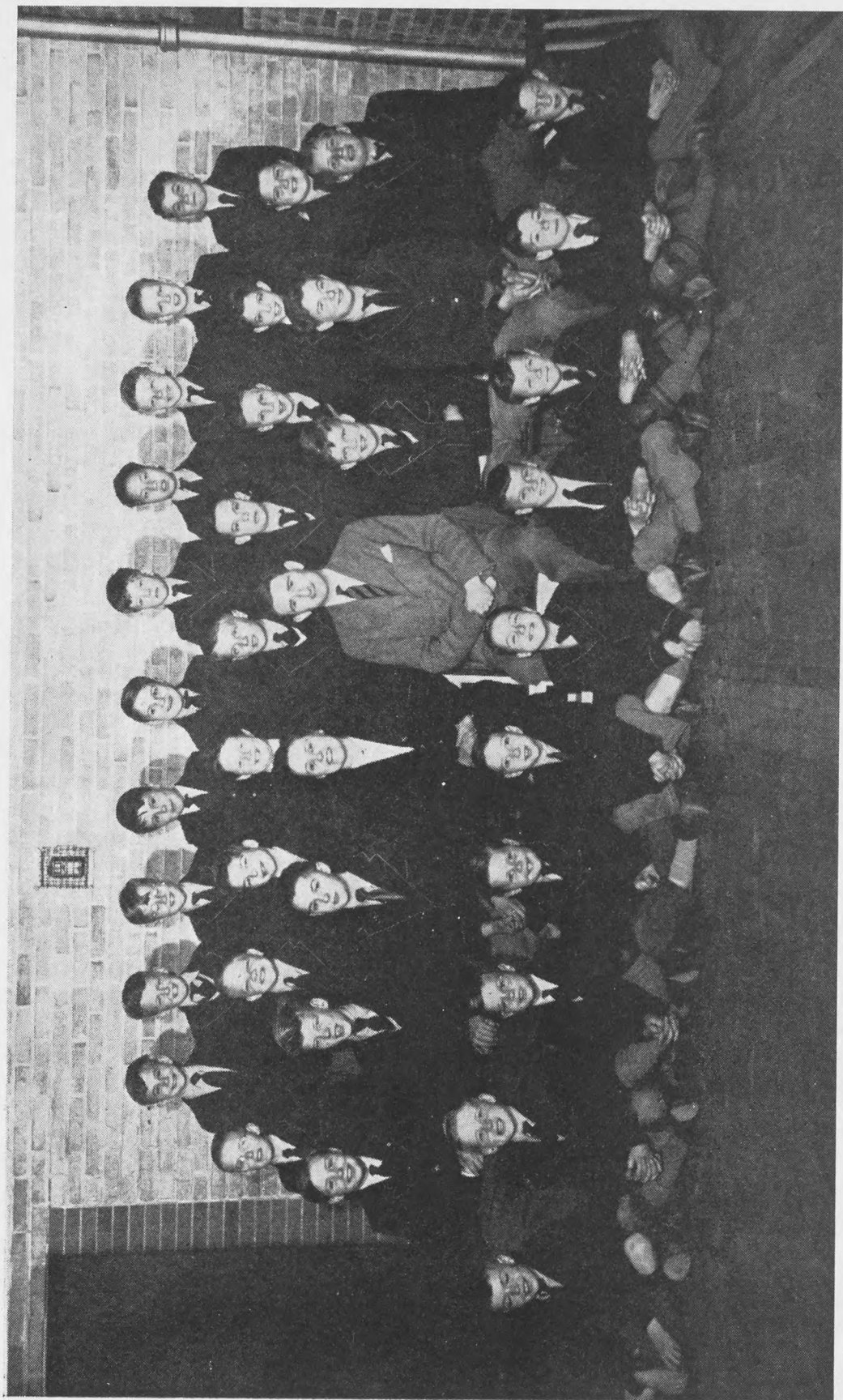
The Junior Boarders had three organised outings during the winter; to the Ice Cycles Revue at the Amphitheatre, to the Ballet programme at the Playhouse and to a film at the Odeon.

**Christmas Party**—At the end of the first term both rooms held Christmas parties followed by the distribution of presents from the tree in the Dining Hall. We were pleased that Mrs. J. F. Waudby was able to hand out the gifts to the boys.

**The Library**—The Lower School Library has been used extensively again. Particularly popular have been the Children's Knowledge Books. On the lighter side, the Hardy Boys remain the favourite reading matter.

**The "Round-Up"**—Once a term we have issued a Lower School Magazine. It has reported House news, House points, Sports news and published the boys' stories, articles and poems. The boys who have supplied material are to be congratulated.





LOWER SCHOOL



**Gym. Display**—The Lower School excelled in the display and were complimented on their fine showing. Everyone tried his best to make "our part" a success. The boarders who performed in the "circus" deserve special mention.

**Honours and Stripes**—Hamber House is leading in the House competition as this is written. The other two Houses will have to make great efforts to overtake the leaders.

**Arts and Crafts**—Form 6 has had manual training during the year which will hold them in good stead for more advanced work next year. The Art projects produced good results. The boarders were introduced to "Lino Blocks" and enjoyed their efforts in this line.

**Pets**—The Junior Boarders have been very interested through the year in two white rats which they have had as pets. "Skibinsky" and "Mary" have proved to be both entertaining and educational! Three baby squirrels received care and nutrition before being found a suitable foster-home.

**Project . . .** The Lower School has undertaken work to further improve the school grounds. Hundreds of stones have been collected and arranged as borders and as decoration.

## LOWER SCHOOL STORIES

### REMEMBERED FROM "PAUL BUNYAN"

Around the Onion Camp, Paul had quite a few hardships. First at the beginning of winter, it started to snow. The snow was not white. It was blue! It kept on falling until one day Paul decided to search the country for white snow. He did not find any till he reached the ocean. It was so cold that even the Atlantic was frozen over.

When he got back it was so cold that even the words froze when someone spoke. The men who swore a lot were made to store their frozen words and take them out into the woods to listen to them.

Harold Farr.

I have a dog called Sparks,  
At all the cars he barks.  
He's spotted black and white.  
I'm telling you he's a pretty sight.  
I'll keep him at my home  
And every day I'll give him a bone.

Stewart McIntyre.

I have a little cat.  
He sat on a piece of fat.  
He slipped on the mat  
Running after a rat.  
That was the end of that.

Jerry Dawson.

There was an old lady from Boston  
Who drove a very small Austin.  
One day she got reckless,  
And now she is neckless  
Because of the ditch she was tossed  
in.

Winthrop Brainerd.

Spring is a time to watch the  
flowers.  
Bloom is gay in pretty colours.  
Dirty roads covered with dust.  
Puddles all over to splash in.  
Spring is a dirty time!

Mac. Moore.



## THE ROBBERY

Out of the fog two figures appeared. One of them was taller than the other. Tom recognized who they were. One was Shorty and the other Jim. They came on shore. Tom told them that the horses were on the opposite side of the wood. They went over to the trees and got the horses.

The stage would be along in a few moments so they started to canter towards the road. They got there just in time because the stage was just coming down the road. On went their masks. When the stage got close they rode into the trail. "Reach!" was the order to the driver.

As soon as they got the money, they started to ride away. As they rode, the driver shot Shorty in the back. The sheriff was able to trace him and soon got Tom and Jim. They were soon behind bars.

David Kilgour.

## MACKENZIE

William Lyon Mackenzie was publisher of the "Colonial Advocate", a paper in the town of York.

Mackenzie attacked the government in his newspaper. He claimed that a small group called the "Family Compact" ruled the government and that the land wasn't being given out fairly. Finally he got so violent he led a little army against the government. He was defeated and fled to the U.S.A.

Many years later he was pardoned and came back to Canada. The Family Compact had disappeared and a new government had taken its place. In a way he had helped because he had taken up arms and had made the people realize what was happening.

George Marsh.

## MY IDEA OF HEAVEN (The exception)

I would like to go to school every day because you learn to add, subtract, multiply and divide. You learn manners. You learn how to write and spell words. You play games like soccer, hockey and basketball. That is why I like school.

Name withheld!

Fatty and Skinny had a race  
Up and down the pillow case.  
Fatty thought it wasn't fair  
Because it was just a nightmare.

Joe, Joe Pinocchio  
Takes a fit and away he'll go,  
Over hills and over streams,  
Falling in the land of dreams.

Ricky Schaller.

Gary Read.

## THE RACE

If you go down to Tenville and look up a certain man by the name of Jim Benix, he will tell you that long, long ago there was a man by the name of Duck Pen who was to race against Jim Hunter of Tickville. The race was to be on July 18th, 1920. This is the story:

The race is about to begin. There they go . . . Turner is in the lead . . . Duck is pulling up. . . Hunter glances back to see . . . he sees Duck



gaining . . . he puts on more speed . . . Duck puts on full speed . . . Hunter does the same . . . The cars are nose to nose . . . Duck's car is the more powerful . . . Hunter is getting desperate . . . he swerves over, forcing Duck to the rail . . . Crash! . . . Duck turns over . . . a squad car comes out . . . an ambulance comes to the scene and carries Duck off. Next day the judges give the shield to Duck, for had not Hunter of Tickville done what he did, Duck would certainly have crossed the line first.

Ronald Bennett.

Honest Abe . . . and a babe . . . took a clown . . . and went down town . . . to show him round . . . That night . . . they just sat tight . . . Do you know where? . . . I'll tell you now, I think . . . would you believe it? . . . in the clink.

Richard Mark.

### NARROW ESCAPES

Dan Sprague was walking down a dark street in the slums of New York City. A car came by and just missed him by a few inches. He thought he had a narrow escape but the driver had a better one. He just missed a huge moving truck. After that he went to his house. When he saw his wife coming toward him he thought, "Oh, Oh!! This is the end of me" . . . But his wife missed him too.

Robert Glass.

### THE SHIP GOES DOWN

S.O.S. . . . S.O.S. . . . it was coming from a ship in distress. Someone had thrown a lighted cigar on the floor where some gas lay. It had immediately started a blaze. Before they could get any water on it, the whole ship was aflame. All the people got in the lifeboats. The ship was listing badly. In a few moments, the ship had sunk. The people were floating around for two hours before help came.

Bing Allan.

### THE BALLOON

The balloon vender walked along slowly. He was calling, "Balloons, get your balloons here".

Now there was a certain balloon in that bunch. It was bright red and had a cat's face on it. A little boy bought the red one and a green one for his dog. Every time the dog barked, the balloon sailed away. Off the dog would scamper after it.

Meanwhile the red balloon was floating high in the sky. The little boy had found some string and tied it to the balloon. It looked down over the city, saying. "It's too bad you cannot see what I can see".

Slowly the boy let out the string. Suddenly the balloon popped! It had come too close to the sun!

Robert Trueman.



# LOWER SCHOOL SPORTS

**Soccer**—Hamber House won the competition, with Young second and Richardson, third.

Carter, Cousens, Kennedy, Mark and Nairn were the outstanding players.

**Basketball**—The Basketball championship also went to Hamber House. They scored 26 points. Richardson were second with 17 and Young third with 12.

Allan, Carter, Cousens, Kennedy, Kilgour, Mark and Nairn gained full points toward their House colours.

**Ice Hockey**—In the House league, Hamber took first place with 9 points. The other houses were close with Young 8 points and Richardson 7.

Allan, Carter, Cousens, Kennedy, Kilgour, Mark, Martin and Nairn played outstanding hockey but all boys gave of their best.

In the games against Form 1 Upper the Lower School did well again. The first match was drawn, 2-2. The second game was lost 3-2 in a very close struggle.

Forms 1, 2, 3 put up a plucky display against Form 4 but the bigger boys won 3-0.

**Boxing**—The Boxing competitions were held in May and resulted as follows:

Cousens defeated Coubrough.  
Mark drew with Kilgour.  
Bennett drew with Martin.  
McNaughton drew with Owen.  
Moore defeated Glass.  
Trueman drew with Allan.  
Greenlaw defeated Shaw.  
Paterson J. defeated Graham.  
Carter drew with Partridge.  
Nairn defeated Kennedy.

Hamber House gained 9 points; Richardson 6; Young 4.

**Cricket** . . . So far three matches have been played. In the first Young beat Richardson, 22-12. Richardson then defeated Hamber in a close game, 22-20. Hamber gained the victory in the third game when they defeated Young, 26 for 7 - 22. A second round of matches is now in progress. Kilgour, Nairn, Mark, Kennedy, Marsh, Partridge, Coubrough, Carter have all shown ability with bat and ball. We hope to play a match against a team from Mr. Chapman's room and shall no doubt give a good account of ourselves.

**Track and Field and Softball** . . . These activities must go unreported. We are looking forward to them, especially to the keen competition that both will bring.

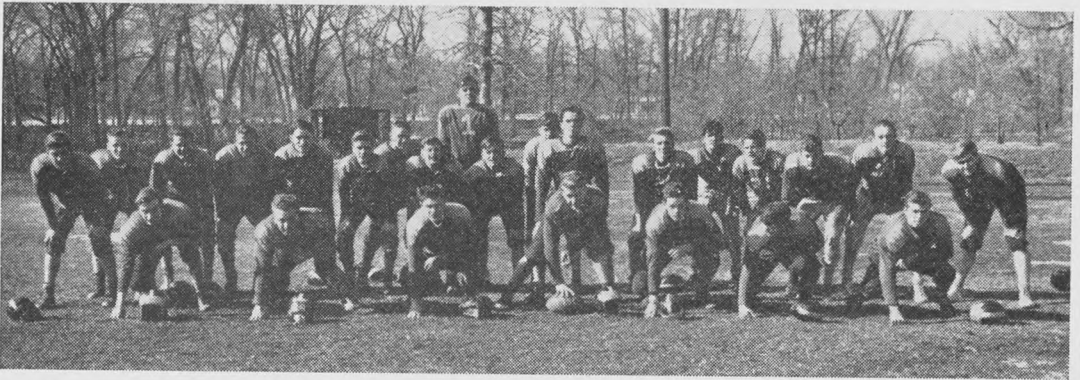


# UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS

## Rugby

Excitement ran high among the football-minded at S.J.R. when it was announced that a team would be entered in the M.S.R.L. The loss of almost all of the previous years players from St. John's College School and Ravenscourt School proved a great drawback. Ed Henke of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers formed a team of sorts. The net result, however, was that we were badly defeated in all our games.

We would like to take the opportunity of extending our thanks to Ed who was responsible for the formation of our team and for the spirit we were able to show in the face of defeat. "Thanks, Ed, for your patience and assistance."



### THE TEAM

**Eamer**—Full. George made up for his lack in weight in smashing line drives.

**Mitchell**—Half. Definitely the main power of our backfield were Lloyd's plunges.

**Green**—Half. Our fastest backfielder, Frank gained many yards.

**Martin**—Quarter. Jim was responsible for much of the team spirit.

**Cunningham**—Wing. A fine pass receiver, Bruce was one of the main factors in our backfield.

**Mollard**—End. Bill was the only member of our squad recommended for the M.S.R.L. All Stars.

**Darke** playing right end was a top runner and excelled in pass receiving.

**Bell**—Tackle. In the opinion of the team Ding was our finest player—190 lbs. of brute strength he played 60 minutes a game all season.

**Jacox**—Guard. Ed played outstanding ball all year.

**Ferguson**—Centre. Tony played a hard 60-minute game both ways.

**Savage**—Tackle. "Sav" is one of the tough members of the team — responsible for more than a few enemy bruises.

**Doig**—End. Ian must have had glue on his hands the way he snagged the spot passes. Excellent on defence.

**Subs**—Bruce, Cook, Bailey, de Jardin, Carol, Davidson, Hare, Hayter, Lamb, Macdonald, Nasselquist, Parkes, Radymski, Woods, Croll, Schroeder.



## **Inter-House Rugby**

It seems that Hamber has the football talent as half of the senior team is composed of Hamber players. This talent showed up in the three rounds of Inter-House Rugby as it won all its games, to take the trophy easily. The more subdued Young and Richardson houses battled the series out on a more even basis, with Young being the eventual winner.

Bell, Doig and Fergie showed particularly good form while the enthusiasm of all those who participated was not in vain. There were many kicked shins and stepped-on heads, but, all in all, it was a good series enjoyed by all.

## **Inter-House Soccer**

Due largely to a late start we were only able to get in one good round of Inter-House Soccer. Hamber's powerful senior squad won both its games to win the cup, while Young and Richardson lost one and tied one each, to share the second place honors.

In the Junior ranks, Richardson won both its games to take the honors. Hamber and Young tied for second place.

Cunningham, Mitchell and Bell played a good game of soccer in the senior ranks, while George Mitchell and Calder proved their ability with the juniors.

Soccer requires constant practice and as no previous scrub games were held, our brand of the game was not of the highest standard. However, vigorous play was the rule and all participants gained considerably in experience.

## **The Ski Week-End**

After school on Friday, Feb. 23, a group of some thirty to thirty-five boys, accompanied by Mr. Chapman and an Army instructor, left by chartered bus bound for Kenora and the annual Ski-Week end.

The weather had been particularly warm; thawing had been general, and many wondered whether any good skiing surface would be available, even 150 miles away.

Despite somewhat wet snow, the boys enjoyed good skiing at the golf course. On Saturday morning instruction was given by an officer of the Kenora Cadet Corps. On Sunday morning mock war games were held under the supervision of Lt. John McKay, an Old Boy, and in the afternoon downhill distance and slalom racing took place.

Although many ski poles were broken, no one was hurt. Sunday evening and the journey back came all too soon.

Mr. Chapman and the Army instructor judged the competitions. This year the Douglas McKay Ski Trophy was awarded to Duncan Croll. Congratulations!



# Hockey

The new St. John's-Ravenscourt hockey team was ably coached by Mr. Charles MacMillan, and through his untiring efforts and assistance the team came out on top in all but three games.



## THE TEAM

**Ian Doig**—captain and left wing, was the most valuable player on the squad.

**Karl Radymski**—forward, was a shifty stick handler and a hard man to hit.

**Frank Green**—forward, played clean, hard hockey. Together with Doig and Radymski these three seldom missed when in front of the net.

**Craig Bell**—played a standout game at defence and seldom let anyone past him. He threw the hardest body checks on the team.

**Bill Mollard**—at defence stopped many opposing rushes.

**Lloyd Mitchell**—played forward and displayed his never-tiring brand of hockey.

**Bruce Cunningham**—centre, also proved his worth as a defenceman in house hockey.

**Jim Hare**—had the hardest shot on the team. “Goof” is a good all-round player.

**Tony Ferguson**—this has undoubtedly been “Fergie’s” best year in the nets.

**Garry Savage**—noted for his heavy checks. He never passed up a chance for a scrap in the corners.

**Jim Martin, Jack Lamb, and Glen Thompson**—played good hockey all season.



## GAMES

S.J.R. vs. GLENLAWN, 3-1—This was the first game of the season and the team had been formed only the previous evening. It was a bit ragged and plenty rough, but the "Eagles" won by a good margin. Goals were by Cunningham, Radymski, and Savage.

S.J.R. vs. VISCOUNT ALEXANDER, 3-1—Doig, Green, and Mollard picked off the points as we defeated Viscount on our own ice.

S.J.R. vs. SIR JOHN FRANKLIN, 2-4—The third game of the season was played at the "Sir John" rink in thirty below weather, and we found we had a real hockey player in the person of Karl Radymski, who scored both our goals.

S.J.R. vs. ST PAULS, 0-5—The bigger and superior St. Pauls trounced us in an action packed game. Bell played a solid game at defence.

S.J.R. vs. S.P.A. (St. Paul, Minn.), 1-2—This was the heartbreaker of the season when St. Paul beat us on home ice, in overtime. It was a very close and hard fought game. Karl, Frank, Ian, and Bell played their usual fine game.

S.J.R. vs. VISCOUNT ALEXANDER, 2-0—Again we defeated Viscount in a rough, tough game. "Fergie" played his best games of the season.

S.J.R. vs. ST. PAULS, 5-2—This game was fast and rough. Our defence played standout hockey, and Karl notched another goal.

S.J.R. vs. VISCOUNT ALEXANDER, 4-0—Playing on home ice the "Eagles" swamped Viscount 4-0. Well done, "Eagles"!

S.J.R. vs. ST PAULS, 2-6—This game was played on a Saturday morning and only seven members of our squad were on hand at the Olympic rink. Well done Clint Young of junior ranks for a fine game.



## JUNIOR HOCKEY

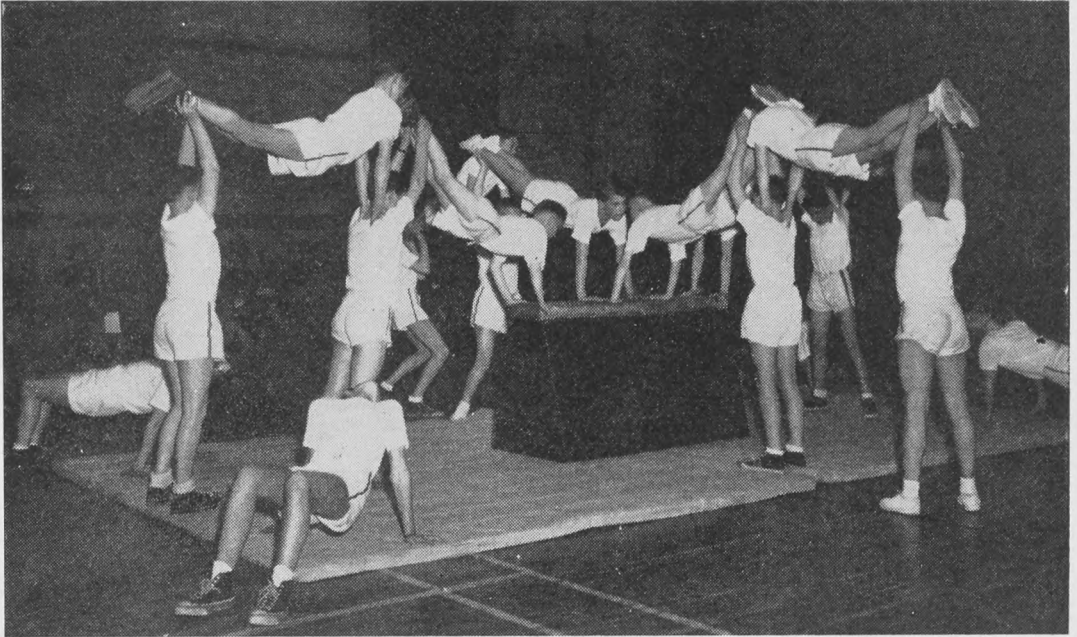
The Junior Hockey League consisted of Viscount Alexander, Grandin, and St. John's-Ravenscourt schools. Grandin dropped out after one game, because it was unable to maintain a team. We played Viscount twice, and lost both games. Because of this and our single win against Grandin, there were no finals.



Our team included the following players:

George Mitchell (captain), Jim Calder, Dave and Donald Drybrough, John Richardson, Ted Allan, David Sellers, Alan Laing, Douglas Clark, Grant Schroeder, Brian Alty, Lawrence Adams, Bruce Wilson, Fraser Stewart, Ronald Zettergren, Dennis Williams, Gilbert Cook.

We are sorry the results did not do justice to the hours of coaching given by Mr. Connell and Karl Radyski. Better luck next time.



## **The Gym Display**

The annual gym display was held on the evening of April 27, and included nearly everything from Lower School games, exercises and drill, to some really good work on the parallel bars.

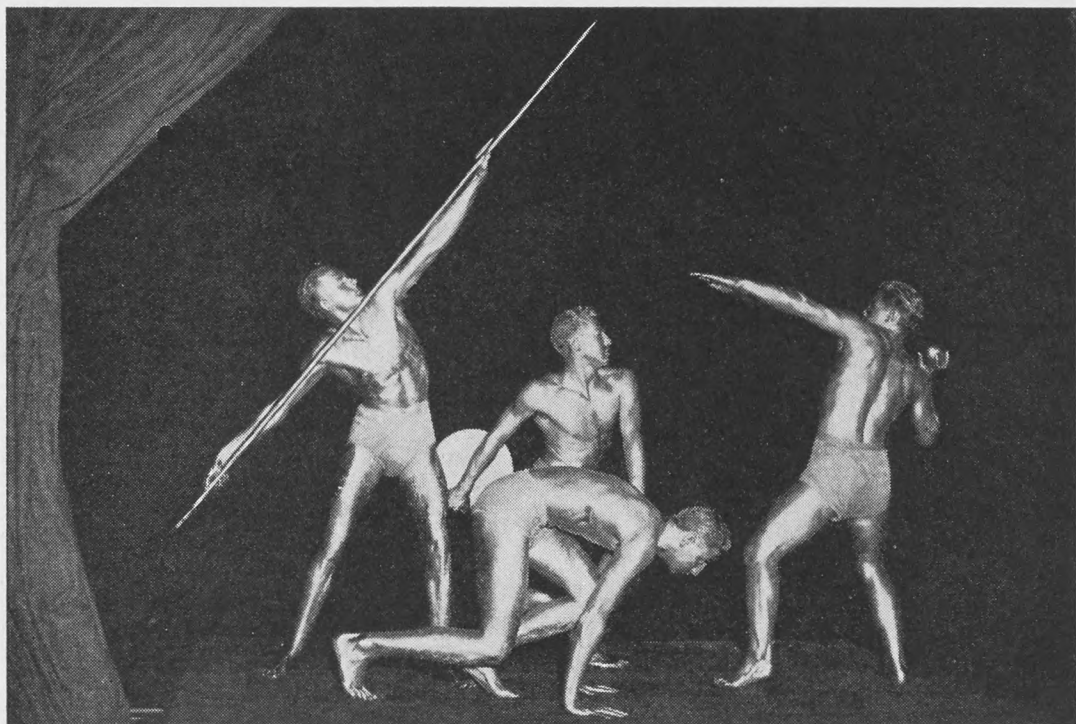
Illuminated living tableaux of gilded figures in athletic poses were a feature of the evening. Pyramids, tumbling, and vaulting exercises were appreciated by the audience.

A novelty act was staged by the Intermediate boarders. It was a square dance, in costumes of both sexes, and amused both spectators and participants.

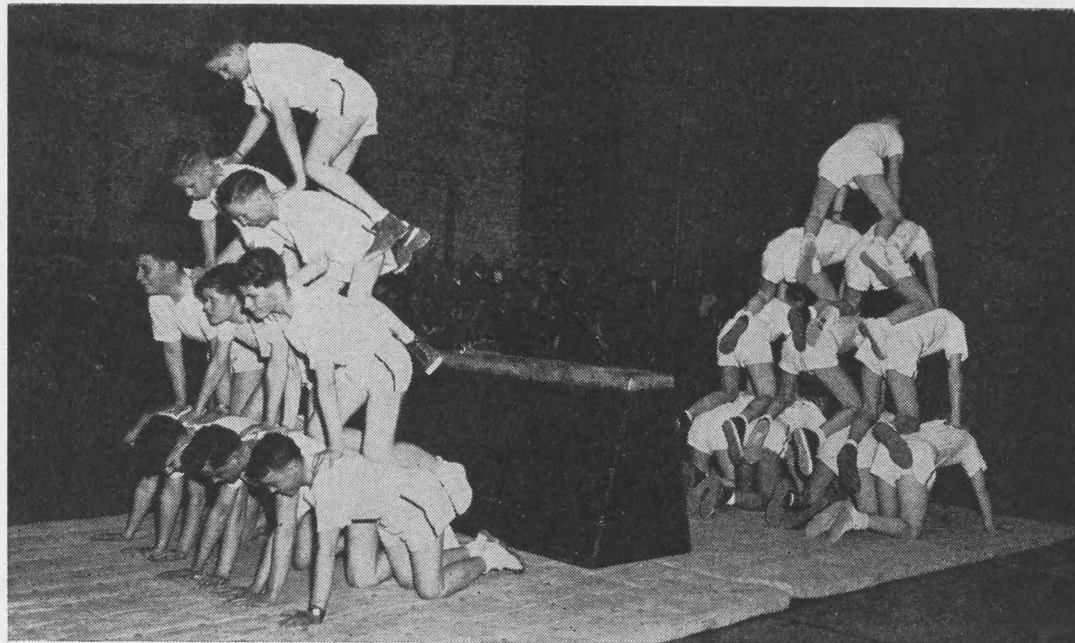
Two Senior clowns cluttered things at the right moments. Much credit is due to the Junior Circus, especially the elephants whose front and hind feet showed an amusing lack of teamwork when walking the "bench".

All in all, it was a good evening, thanks to Mr. Chapman and Mr. Burn.





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# Basketball

For the first time in many years we have been unable to participate in the Private Schools Basketball League. At the start of the season George Eamer was appointed "coach". At the end of the first week of practice, organized basketball had to be dispensed with due to moisture in the concrete supporting the newly laid gym floor. Practices were not resumed until a week before the League opened. At the same time coaching difficulties forced us to obtain the service of Mike Schioler and Gus de Jardin. After four hard practices we played our first game against East Kildonan, which was hard fought and well played by both teams. The result of the game was 22-7 in favour of the visitors. No further games were played as the coach devoted the majority of his time teaching the fundamentals of basketball to the newcomers to the game.



**THE TEAM**

**Cliff Darke**—The tall boy from Regina proved himself to be an able basketball player.

**Bruce Cunningham**—A shifty player, Bruce was the high scorer of the team this year.

**Lloyd Mitchell**—Mitch was our fastest player and a real threat.

**Tony Ferguson**—A good all-round player, "Fergie" was the sparkplug of the team.

**Garry Savage**—This was "Frere's" first year with the team, and he proved to be a handy man on defensive work.

**Substitutes:** Macdonald, Croll, Green, Stewart, De Jardin.



# Inter-House Gym Competition

The gym teams of the three school houses held their annual competition on Friday afternoon of April 20. The judge of the competition was Mr. Andrew Curry, who is a member of the Board of Governors. All in the Upper School participated unless physically unfit. The judge's decision was close, with Young House winning by less than half a point, closely followed by Hamber and Richardson houses respectively.



## TROPHIES

The following awards will be given at the Prize-Giving and the Athletic Banquet this year:

### House Trophies:

National Hockey League Trophy .....	Senior Hockey
Sellers Trophy .....	Junior Hockey
Mermagen Trophy .....	Senior Rugby
Michael Reece Trophy .....	Junior Rugby
Cecil Askey Trophy .....	Senior Soccer
Masters' Trophy .....	Senior Basketball
The Basketbowl .....	Junior Basketball
Harland Trophy .....	Shooting
Dingwall Trophy .....	Cross-Country Race
Weber Trophy .....	Senior Softball
Inter-House Shield .....	Honours and Stripes
Headmasters Award .....	Physical Training

### Individual Trophies:

Bedson Cup .....	Best Gymnast
Basil Baker Memorial Shield .....	Best Hockey Leader
Bawlf Medal .....	All-round Ability



Lestock Adams Shield .....	All-round Athlete
Lower School Individual Athletic Award	
McKay Ski Trophy .....	Individual Skier
Taylor Cup .....	High Jump
Cory Cup .....	Long Jump
Moulden Cup .....	Junior Track
Headlam Cup .....	Midget Track
Templeton Cup .....	Senior Track
Cox Cup .....	One-mile Open

## Curling

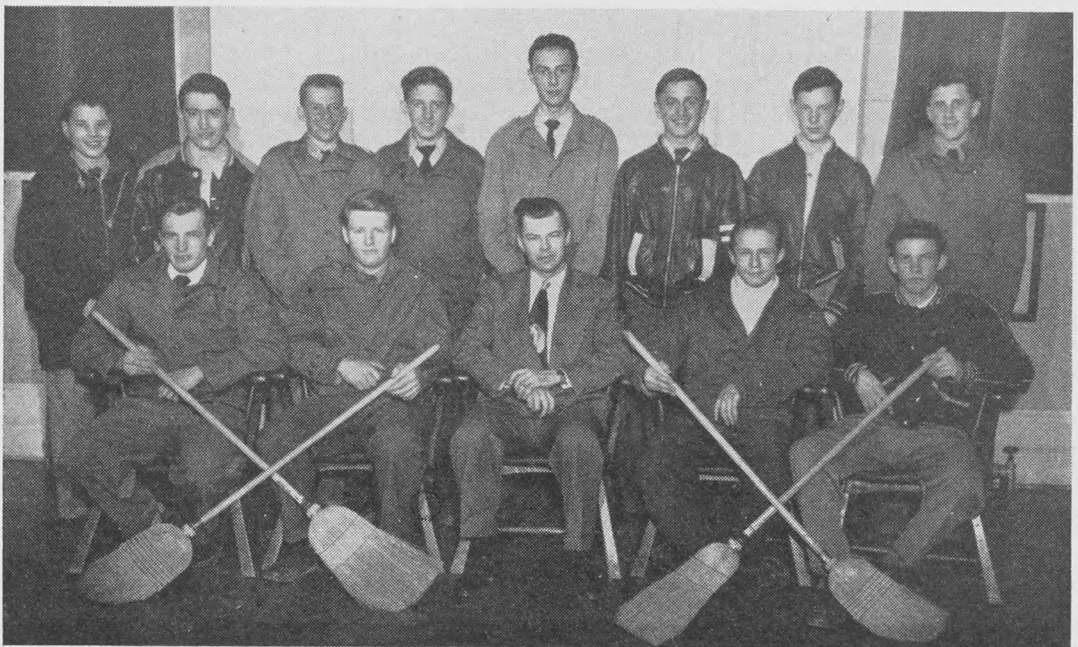
Entered in the Fort Garry Curling Bonspiel were four teams from St. John's-Ravenscourt. The skips of the four teams were: Croll, Thompson, Ferguson, and Radymski.

On Croll's team were Don Drybrough, David Drybrough and George Mitchell. Thompson's team was R. Stewart, Ed Parkes, and Bruce Ferguson's team consisted of Davidson, Mollard and Lloyd Mitchell, while Radymski's team was Bell, Santo, and Green.

In the first event Ferguson and Thompson fought it out, but Ferguson was too much for his opponent and won 7-5. In the second event Joyal and Croll had it out, but Croll wasn't so fortunate; Joyal won 10-8. The winners of the first and second event should have played off for the championship, but due to ice conditions the game was not played.

Ferguson's team won first prize for winning the first event, while Thompson's team followed with second prize. In the second event Croll won second prize.

We wish to congratulate all four teams for their excellent showing.  
W. R. M.





# LITERARY

## THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

The Toronto Maple Leafs are managed by Connie Smythe and coached by Joe Primeau. They have won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Montreal Canadiens 4 to 1 in a best of seven series.

In the list of players, starting with the goal-tender Al Rolins, who played for Toronto until he received an injured knee, we have a list of good sportsmen. Al won the Vezina Cup by one goal. When Al was injured, the old veteran, Turk Broda, took over the task of goal-tending.

On defence, Bill Barilko is a very good player and does a very good job. Bill Juzda is also a good player but is very rough. Jim Thompson should be an all-star.

On the forward lines is Max Bentley, who was traded by Boston for five players. He should also be an all-star; he is third in the scoring list. Cal Gardner is also in the top ten scoring players and does a very good job of body checking. Ted Kennedy will, no doubt, be the all-star centre and has scored the winning goal in many games. He is noted as the most valuable player of the Leafs. Dan Lewicki has a very good chance for rookie of the year. Tod Sloan is also in the top ten scoring players list. He is very fast but not too kind to the opposing team. Sid Smith did very well in the play-offs and scored five out of the Leafs' nine goals in the Stanley Cup finals.

Completing the team we have Fleming Mackell, a very good player and very fast skater, and Bob Hazard, who was bought from the Toronto Marlboroughs. They are a fine team.

Peter Longpre, Form I.

## BASKETBALL

Dr. James Narsmith had been a minister but he gave up this calling to become a physical director at the Springfield, Massachusetts, Y.M.C.A. He started basketball in 1897 in answer to the need for a form of recreation that would bolster the dwindling membership of the Y.M.C.A. throughout the country.

The rules were made up to stop all roughness. The original plan was to have nine men to a side: three forwards, three centres, three guards. Then the number was adjusted to five, seven, or nine according to a pre-game agreement of the captains. A joint committee, which included representatives from the colleges, high schools and Y.M.C.A. groups met in 1915 to standardize the rules.

Basketball, mainly an indoor game, is played by two teams of five players each. The object of each team is to throw the ball into the other team's basket and to prevent the other team from scoring. The game is played on a court 50 feet wide and 94 feet long.

In 1920 a survey revealed that forty-nine nations played basketball. In 1939 it received final honour when it was included in the Olympic Games program.

Douglas Clark, Form I.



## ISANDHLWANA, BATTLE OF BLUNDERS

Cetawayo, the Zulu emperor, had built up a large army, and by 1879 the British and Boer colonists were trembling in their boots. The otherwise prosperous South African colonies had often been wasted by native wars.

However, the British government was not to be so openly defied. Its commissioner, Sir Bartle Frere, despatched an ultimatum to Cetawayo's court, ordering him to put down his army and behave himself. This quaint little effort was boorishly overlooked by "The Cannibal King" as the troops called him.

The Government gathered up its ruffled feathers and despatched General Thesiger (Lord Chelmsford) and some troops to the scene. On arrival the men were organized into three columns simply named Left, Right and Centre. Our business lies with the Centre column where the General posted himself.

This column was composed of the first and second battalions of the 24th Regt. (The South Wales Borderers), a battalion of the Natal Native Contingent (armed), some artillery and detachments of other corps. The objective of this column was to advance over the Buffalo River at Rorke's Drift and move onto Cetawayo's kraal.

The troops passed over the Buffalo and encamped near the kopje of Isandhlwana. Next morning Thesiger moved out of camp to support the Right Column which was in difficulties. The camp was under the ostensible command of Lt. Col. Pulleine of the 24th. However, Col. Durnford was senior and should have been in command. If he was, the mistakes made were his; if not, Pulleine's and Thesiger's.

The garrison of the camp consisted of six companies of the 24th and some of the native troops. Reports of the enemy approach were signalled and a messenger sent to Thesiger. The troops formed company square and moved out of camp. Durnford's mounted troops were far out to the right and were soon engaged.

Thesiger took notice of Pulleine's efforts to contact him but this was not treachery as Thesiger thought that the attack was just a feint.

At the camp troops were sent to support Durnford and thus gaps were left between the companies. Into these gaps the Zulus poured. Every unit was cut off and massacred. Pulleine's body was found surrounded by ten dead Zulus.

Only twenty men escaped, including the future Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien. The Colours of the 24th were carried by their bearers to the river where they were dropped in, to be later restored to the Regiment.

Lessons come from defeat as well as victory. The great lesson of the terrible battle was the necessity to close up. Shoulder to shoulder, although capable of great misuse, saved the day in the battles of Abu Klea and Abu Kru and won the battle of Omdurman. With close, organized and courageous defence Rorke's Drift was held and so might have been Isandhlwana against enemies with few or no rifles or artillery.

Desmond Morton, Form III.



## OTTER'S COLUMN IN THE NORTHWEST REBELLION

Space requires me to address my attentions to the most contentious of the three participating columns. Information is also more forthcoming.

The military 'opening of the ball' was the attack on Major Crozier at Duck Lake. Big Bear's Indians then killed thirteen poor people at Frog Lake, and invested Fort Pitt.

The Canadian Government, after months of procrastination, now acted with celerity. Major General Middleton, Inspector General of Militia, was given command of the expedition. Three columns were organized. The chief one under Middleton was to advance to Batoche. It consisted of the 90th Winnipeg Rifles, the 10th Royal Grenadiers, and the Midland Battalion, with artillery and scouts. The Alberta Field Force under Major General Strange consisted of odds and ends and late arrivals.

We are going to study Col. Otter's column as closely as possible. This body consisted of the Q.O.R., the N.W.M.P., the Governor General Foot Guard, and other units of artillery and scouts. This force was designated the Battleford Relief Column. It arrived in Battleford on April 27, 1885, amid the cheers of the weary citizens, and was met by Capt. Nash and some of his very fine "volunteers".

Col. Otter, a soldier of British training, but a second generation Canadian, took up his headquarters in Battleford. His enemy, the infamous Poundmaker, had encamped, with his horde of murderers, on the hill above Cut Knife Creek. The gallant colonel decided to divide his enemies strength by reconnaissance in force.

He took with him, B Battery, R.C.A., A Coy. Q.O.R., the N.W.M.P., and all his other little infantry units. The little plateau, on which they were about to fight, sloped upward to the Cree camp and around the edges of the field were the Indian rifle pits.

The Mounted Police rode up the hill and opened fire. B Battery galloped up and unlimbered, coming under a heavy fire. The troops formed up and Col. Otter rode forward to examine the situation. He decided, because he was nearly surrounded, to withdraw. This was accomplished with great skill.

This, by no means innocuous, little battle prevented Poundmaker from joining Riel and saved Middleton from a terrible fix. It also showed that the Canadians had defensive courage as well as offensive elan.

The Militia were, unfortunately, very badly armed. Their old muzzle-loaders jumped out of their cheek-pieces every time they were fired. The men were mostly all armed with the obsolescent Snider which was aptly known as the "Gas Pipes".

The Canadian Militia was a very important part of Canada in the Horse and Buggy Age. Today, their tradition is carried on in the Canadian Reserve Army.

Desmond Morton.

Form III.



## SUPERSTITION IN "THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE"

Egdon Heath loomed like a huge monster out of the evening twilight, just as it had for countless years. The heath was a wild, desolate expanse of land that had remained isolated from the progress of the modern world. This also may be said about the people who lived there. They are simple, honest, hardworking citizens. Their work is usually in the heath, cutting ferze, or in Egdon, tending the gardens. This close relationship of the past and present generations to nature has bred many superstitions and customs that have been handed down through the years. Some of these customs came from pagan religious rituals, while others were formed from some particular happening of the past. Thus it was only natural that these people dwell on the supernatural a great deal.

The first irrational abject attitude of mind to the supernatural appears in the first book, "Three Women". Christian Cantle had been born on a day when no moon shone. A friend of his mother's had an almanac which stated, "No moon, no man," and that was the fear when a male child was born. All the people of the Heath believed this except those who had some form of educational training.

Christmas was celebrated at Egdon as in many other places. Houses were decorated and holly was brought in from the heath. A number of the younger men each year gathered and revived the morning scenes, though none of the actors particularly enjoyed it. The play itself consisted of several skirmishes between the Turkish Knight and the Valiant Soldier and St. George. After the players had performed the host usually invited the group to sup and drink.

"On Egdon Heath Sunday proper did not begin till dinner time and even then it was a somewhat battered specimen of a day." Early Sunday mornings the men of Egdon gathered at Fairway's house for the local haircutting session. Each victim perched on top of a box, while Fairway endeavoured to shear the hair with little regard for what he was doing. Thus it was not uncommon to find small nicks behind the ear after such a visit, and to flinch in pain or exclaim in any way was considered bad manners as Fairway made no charge. This was carried on throughout the year, and when it was too windy Fairway's friends found shelter around the corner of the house. After leaving Fairway's they all proceeded to the Sunday wash, which was followed by the dressing hour. Then they all went to dinner.

Throughout "The Return of the Native" Eustacia is often referred to as a witch or as having some supernatural power to cast spells on people. Susan Nunsuch, a very superstitious woman who was convinced of Eustacia's evil powers, vowed to prove her point correct. On Sunday morning after waiting a number of weeks she found her chance. The parson had made a call for prayers, when a piercing scream was heard. Susan has stabbed Eustacia with a stocking-pin. "If Eustacia were to bleed an end would come to the bewitching of Susan's children."

Susan is still not satisfied that Eustacia's charm is broken. So she prepares a small wax image of a human. She places clothes on it, a red ribbon and a pair of sandals. When it was finished any of the Egdon inhabitants would have recognized it as Eustacia. She then proceeded to remove a quantity of pins from her sewing basket and thrust them one



at a time into the image until the figure was completely riddled. Susan built up the fire and seized the figure with the fire tongs. Holding the figure in the fire she repeated the Lord's Prayer three times in reverse. For each pin driven into the figure Eustacia was to experience a corresponding pain in her body. As it happened, Eustacia died, but in a different way for she was drowned in Shadwater Weir.

There are several other small but important superstitions and customs which appear in the book. First, there is the belief that charred bones found in the barrow would cause trouble. As Christian Cattle put it, "Dead folks have been known to come and claim their own." However, this did not worry Mrs. Geolright.

Many remedies have been produced for the cure of snake bite in the past. When Mrs. Geolright is found to be suffering from an adder's bite, several of the men bring four adders to fry and remove the oil from their bodies. The oil is then applied to the bite, and the poison is supposed to be removed. Hardy also mentions that if an adder has been struck a fatal blow it will not die until sundown.

In early spring May Day is celebrated at Egdon Heath. It is a day of great merry-making for the children, and dancing for the older folk and often a queen is crowned with a garland. A pole is decorated with flowers from the heath, and then placed in the ground. This simple form of decoration illustrates the simplicity and closeness to nature that these people exist in and to a certain extent explains why they are superstitious.

A. Ferguson.

# TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS



Senior Javelin .....	Bill Mollard .....	137' 4"
Intermediate Javelin.....	Dave Bailey .....	125' 6"
Senior Discus.....	Bill Mollard .....	102' 3"
Intermediate Discus.....	Dennis Lamb .....	83' 1"
Senior Shot Put.....	Craig Bell .....	38' 3 1/2"
Junior Ball Throw.....	George Mitchell .....	254' 1"
Primary Ball Throw.....	David Drybrough .....	236' 1"
Senior Hop, Step and Jump....	Ian Doig .....	38' 4"





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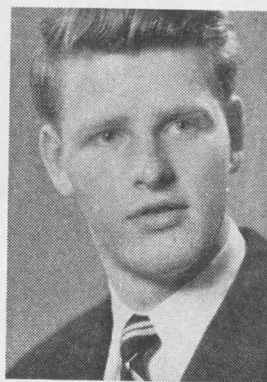


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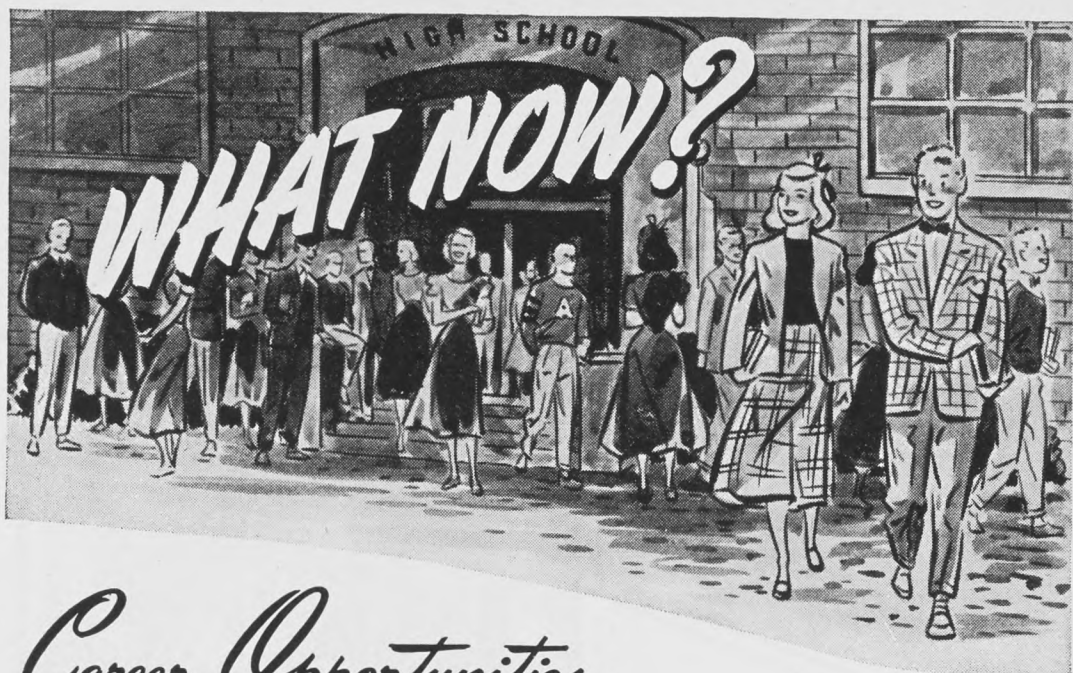
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